(SRI M. C. NARASIMHAN)

the need for the setting up of a separate Board to look into the problems of scarcity areas.

Sir, when there is a Board for the Malnad Development, I do not see any reason why a similar board should not be created to look into the special problems of scarcity areas and why it should be refused. Malnad is the question of development of areas, but scarcity areas is a question of prevention. If it is viewed from every point, there is a justification for its creation. In this connection I would like to invite attention to the Ashok Mehta Committee Report.

Every year scarcity relief works are done but they will not be useful during the next year. In view of the fact that scarcity conditions will be occurring every now and then and in view of the fact that sufficient attention cannot be devoted and in view of the fact that these problems have got to be solved on long term basis, I request the Government to create a special Board on the lines of the Malnad Development Board. The Malnad Development Council's recommendations do not seem to receive adequate attention, but I suggest that atleast the recommendations of this body should receive adequate attention from the Government.

†SRI B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).— Sri Narasimhan has made a very valuable suggestion. But looking into the present financial position, I do not think, it is possible for the Government to form any Board. He also quoted the Malnad Development Board. It is really a special Board; it has no money; it has no staff; no proper work is being done, which is a fact which has to be accepted. At the most that Board can move in the Malnad area and make some suggestions to the different departments to take up work. If that is the purpose for which this Board is sought to be created, perhaps it will not be correct. In all these areas where there is scarcity, it is only due to failure of rain-fall. So, there are only two possibilities to avoid this scarcity condition. (1) To construct tanks and to sink wells and take up some bunding works and social conservation work. To that extent, it will be helpful for the farmers to grow more food. That will avoid scarcity conditions. (2) In case it is not possible to take up such works which I just now mentioned, the only alternative will be to start some small scale industries looking into the conditions prevailing in those areas. These are the only two possibilities in which we could avoid scarcity conditions in those areas.

I wish to suggest to the Hon'ble Members who have made this proposal that instead of having a separate Board, a Sub Committee of the State Development Council or an Advisory Body, taking the representatives from the scarcity areas, can be formed and they should tour in those scarcity areas and make valuable suggestion for taking up some of the minor irrigation works and starting some small scale industries. I hope this will satisfy the Hon'ble Member who has moved this motion.

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**Statistical statement of Starred, Unstarred Questions, Half-an-hour Discussion, Adjournment Motions, etc., as on 30th April 1959.**

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.— Sri B. Shamsunder and Shri G. P. Sarvesh have given to me in writing that they have joined the Praja Socialist Legislature Party and have requested me to allot seats in the P.S.P. block. This will be attended to during the next session.

I am making a statistical statement of starred questions, half-an-hour discussion, adjournment motion, etc., as on 30th April 1959.

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**1. Starred Questions.**

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| No. of Questions tabled | ... | 653 |
| No. of Questions admitted | ... | 617 |
| No. of Questions answered | ... | 524 |

**2. Unstarred Questions.**

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| No. of Questions tabled | ... | 172 |
| No. of Questions admitted | ... | 156 |
| No. of replies laid on the Table of the House | | 57 |

**3. Short Notice Questions.**

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| No. of Questions tabled | ... | 31 |
| No. of Questions admitted | ... | 16 |
| No. of Questions answered | ... | 11 |

**4. Non-Official Resolutions.**

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| No. of Resolutions tabled | .. | 170 |
| No. of Resolutions admitted | ... | 165 |
| No. of Resolutions discussed | ... | 5 |

**5. Adjournment Motions.**

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| No. given notice of | ... | 4 |
| No. admitted | ... | Nil |

**6. Half-an-hour Discussion**

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| No. given notice of | ... | 17 |
| No. admitted | ... | 11 |
| No. disposed of | ... | 2 |

**7. Motions under Rule 59.**

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| No. given notice of | ... | |
| No. admitted | ... | |

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The House now adjourns *sine die.*

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*The House adjourned* sine die *at Forty Minutes past One of the Clock.*

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